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APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR

CASHLESS ACTUATED GAMING

SYSTEM

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In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On pages 6 and 7, kindly delete the present SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION, and substitute the following:

An apparatus embodiment of the invention is suitable for use in a gaming system. In such an environment, a medium, such as a ticket, may be validated by providing a gaming machine comprising:

> a display arranged to display a credit amount; (1)

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